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Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: In the paper placed on the table, against the number of applications for the lease of waste lands various figures are given. But against the number of applications sanctioned there is a discreditable nil. May I know whether the Government will improve their record by inserting some low figures at least in the near future?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: It is not discreditable; on the other hand it is creditable. Certain cases were amicably settled and the hon. Member has failed to notice that.

*Recruitment of Malayalees for public services*

* 3092 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have given instructions to the Madras Public Service Commission not to recruit Malayalee candidates for public services in view of the impending reorganization of the States?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: The answer is in the negative. I wish to add that I have seen certain press reports alleging that the head of a department has issued instructions to see that Malayalee teachers are removed from service. There is absolutely no basis for that report. I am sorry that false reports are being circulated by responsible members and responsible papers also.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Sir, I wish to offer a personal explanation. I submitted a memorandum to the Hon. Finance Minister on the basis of a Press report that a circular has been issued by the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the managers of private schools in Madras City to the effect that notice of dispensing with their services should be served on Malayalee teachers in view of the impending formation of the Kerala State. I have only drawn the attention of the Finance Minister to that circular and in doing so I think I have done my duty by the Government as well as by the public.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: There is no such circular. It exists merely in the imagination of the paper 'Desabhimani' which is the organ of the Communist party. I am sorry that a report which will create bitterness between the Malayalees and Tamilians should have been circulated.

Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM: May I know whether the Government are vested with power under any provision of law to issue such a direction to a body which is a creation of the Constitution?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: I think the presumption of the hon. Member is correct. We cannot discriminate against persons on the basis of language.